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1. The School for Reserve Officers in Sofia has a cavalry section "cavalry squadron".
2. The squadron includes one shock platoon, one heavy machinegun platoon, one mortar platoon, and one antitank platoon. Each platoon is led by a platoon-leader. The platoon also includes a non-commissioned officer and 38 students (soldiers). Each platoon has three light machineguns, four submachine guns, 28 carbines, 40 sabres. Each platoon has also one antitank schutzen gun. The first shock platoon has 40 horses. The second heavy machinegun platoon includes one officer, one non-commissioned officer, and eight students (soldiers). The platoon is armed with two heavy machine guns, three submachine guns, eight carbines, and 10 swords. The platoon has also 10 horses for the personnel and two horses for hauling the machine guns.
3. The third mortar platoon includes one officer, one non-commissioned officer, and ten students (soldiers). It is armed with two "reinmetal" mortars of German make, three submachine guns, 10 carbines, and 12 swords. The platoon includes 12 horses. The fourth antitank platoon includes one officer, one non-commissioned officer, and ten students (soldiers). It is armed with two antitank German-made guns, 10 carbines, 12 swords. It includes 12 horses for the personnel and two horses for hauling the guns. All students of the squadron are trained in firing with pistols, submachine guns, light machineguns, as well as heavy machine guns and mortars. The head of the Reserve Officers' School in Sofia is General Ivanov. Colonel Vakhariev is the instructor of military law. Captain Ingilizov is the instructor in the firing of arms. Lt Iliev is instructor in military history. Lt Nachay is instructor in drafting. Lt Stamenov is instructor in fortification and camouflage.
4. After the cavalry students have completed the School for Reserve Officers,

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they are sent as candidate officers to various battalions. One of these battalions is in Mikhaylovgrad. Here the Sixth Cavalry Battalion is located. The Sixth Cavalry Battalion includes a cavalry squadron which consists of two platoons, the first combat platoon, and the second heavy machinegun platoon. The platoons consist of one officer, one non-commissioned officer, three candidate non-commissioned officers, as section commanders, and 12 troops. The first platoon is armed with three light Maksim machineguns, four submachine guns, two pistols, 12 carbines, and 17 swords. The platoon has an antitank solotur gun, attack and defense hand grenades and 17 horses. In case of an emergency this platoon can be transformed into an infantry platoon. One of the soldiers looks after the horses, while the others act as an infantry unit. The second heavy machine gun platoon consists of the same personnel as the first combat platoon. It has three heavy machine guns. The second motorized squadron of the sixth cavalry battalion includes two platoons, one shock platoon, and one heavy machine gun platoon. The composition of this squadron is similar to the composition of the shock cavalry squadron. The first platoon has three light machineguns, three or four submachine guns, two pistols, 12 carbines, 17 swords, and one reyno truck for transporting personnel and equipment in case of need. The weapons of the second platoon are similar to those of the first platoon except that instead of light machineguns it has three heavy machineguns.

5. The supply platoon is in charge of feeding the horses, the troops, supply of munitions, fodder, and clothing. Supply work is done by trudovaks and by several regular soldiers.

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